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It's that time of year again when we have to start remembering whether we've been naughty or nice! Many changes have taken place over the last year, we hope you have all enjoyed them. The weather is warming up so it's time to get the fan out and enjoy this edition of the *National Biways*, the last for the year. From all of us here at ABN we would like to wish you a Merry Christmas.

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the Biways,
a Crossword
Puzzle.
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next Biways.

In this issue:- Editorial Comment. National & International News & Stories.



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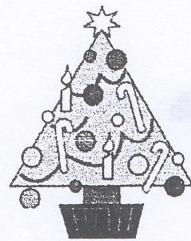
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our rights to
label
ourselves &
be accepted.
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about it on
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**He's checking his list, "Now
who's been Naughty..."**

Telling your wife
your Bi, one
man's courage as
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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE & PRINCIPLES

National BIWAYS is produced by the Australian Bisexual Network to inform its audience about social, political and personal issues relevant to bisexuality and bisexual people, to provide a forum for exchanging opinions and sharing experiences, to link up with and support geographically or socially isolated bisexual people, to foster the Bisexual Movement in Australia and to help build a diverse multicultural community of bisexual and bi-friendly people and groups in Australia and elsewhere.

ABN realises that bisexuality is inextricably linked to other identities (gender, race, class, etc). Our intention is that *National BIWAYS* will represent a broad spectrum of bisexual voices and images. We are committed to taking an active role in building a multicultural bisexual community free of racism, sexism, classism, homophobia and other forms of oppression.

Through self-examination and through the content of this news magazine, we will endeavour to challenge our own racism, classism, sexism (and our own biphobia) as well as that of others. We will work to create a supportive bisexual community and to promote equality and understanding for bisexual people in both the heterosexual and the lesbian/gay communities. We regard ourselves as part of a larger sexual minority (queer) community, a gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities and consider the fight for lesbian and gay rights to be our own. We advocate the recognition, inclusion and involvement of bisexual people in existing gay and lesbian and transgender communities, in lesbian and gay politics, in community development and consultations, in sexual health and HIV/AIDS issues, policy, research and education. ABN does not support the promotion of paedophilia or organisations that promote it.

We are sex-positive, recognising that we live under increasing sexual oppression. We support sex education for its own sake. We advocate the distribution of information and resources to halt the spread of HIV/AIDS, STD's and unwanted pregnancies. We support the rights of people with HIV/AIDS to be free of discrimination, to have access to information, housing and quality medical care and treatments.

We seek to expand, not constrain, the definitions of bisexual and we respect the right of individuals to define her/his own self-definition, identity and type of relationship(s), free from any social, political, religious or economic coercion. We support healthy relationships between consenting adults. We acknowledge the rights of partners, particularly female partners of bisexual men, to quality non-judgemental counselling and health services if needed, to greater understanding by all communities and to honesty in their relationship.

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Editorial:- Hiedi Ho there everyone, we hope you have enjoyed this last year and are ready for the Christmas Rush! ABN is prepared with a small reduction in events as many people are unavailable to hold events for us over this busy period, hopefully they will be back to help out again next year with some new faces as well. We would like to thank everyone who has helped out over this last year & hope they continue their support next year.

The numbers at the events are dwindling, for those of you who are not attending you're missing out on all the fun. To the lady who drove all the way from Bundaberg for the BiFem Spa night at Brenda's could you please ring to let us know you got home safely. We are trying to give a variety of events to keep everyone happy, if you have any suggestions we would be happy to hear from you. If we cannot supply it why not give it a go yourself, it's not that hard.

Our hearts go out to Gillian, Mick & Dalton, we hope Dalton can make it home in time for his first Christmas, he is doing well, gaining weight and size but still has a few hurdles to go yet. All the best Gill & Mick, we are thinking of you.

ABN requires a volunteer to be at the Rainbow Centre Coffee & Chat time on Thursdays to give Jewel a much deserved break, if you would like to help out please call Wayne, Bob or Brenda. Thank you in advance. If you would like to volunteer to help out for anything please call us, we would be happy to listen to your suggestions.

Due to the Christmas Holidays the deadline for the next issue for the *National Biways* is the 7th of December, 1998.

We hope you have a Safe and Happy Christmas. We will see you all again in the New Year.

Hugs,
Wayne, Bob & Brenda

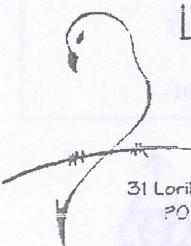
MEMORIES OF BELLA

by Susan Davis, Executive Director, WEDO, 1998

Bella Abzug was an example of world-class leadership, both in Congress and the United Nations. She was honored for her championship of the world's women, human rights, the poor and oppressed, and most of all for her people-nurturing vision of a healthy, peaceful planet. BELLA taught these many lessons: Never work alone, Coalitions still require leadership, Civing is a gift, Use the power of forgiveness, Be able to admit you are wrong and change positions, Learn the rules, master them, use them, Be prepared - especially to improvise, Never hesitate to tell the truth, Stick to principles and don't fear being unpopular, Politics without love is hollow, pointless, Being diplomatic means being effective, not charming, Cherish your relationships, Love yourself, Never fear leaping into the void AUGUST 1998 INTERNET EXPRESS (c) by Community Peacemakers of Oakland, California, USA and OPERATION: Peace Ambassadors (a Campaign on the Net Where We Can Work Peace in Everything We Know, Say and Do)

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IN DEFENSE OF QUEER

I recently attended a public forum at my local Gay & Lesbian Community Center on the issue of marriage and what it means to our communities. During the public comment and question section, a person stood up and said, "Let's not use Queer." "Let's not use any term that alienate us from those who would support us, or confuse the issue." It seems that Queer, a term reclaimed by our communities in the early 90s, is no longer considered an "appropriate" dinner guest to the table of our assimilation. He finished off by saying, "our gay community." This got me thinking. Did we forget the last 25 years of our his/history? The battles that women fought to be included in the boys club that was the "gay community". Where grudgingly, LESBIAN as a term was added to gay to acknowledge the role of women, and where issues such as reproductive freedom were finally deemed an important part of our struggle for human rights? Where in the early 90s, the BISEXUAL and TRANSGENDER communities had to struggle to even be considered to be part of "us." Where pitched battles were fought over whether even their own names for their communities would be included. Where they were told they could march, but not be named.

In our rush to gain acceptance (but not equality), some communities aren't yet even acknowledged officially at all, such as other sexual minorities like the SM/fetish communities or intersexuals; who without their consent are forced into the gender binary we call male/female. Can we really boil it all down to that for us to gain allies, we must jettison the diversity that is the REALITY of our community? Can we erase the last 25 years and just go back to the term "gay"? With that logic, why not go back to the previous attempt at relating to the mainstream, and use "homophile?" Can't we keep moving forward instead of going back? Can't we instead celebrate the diversity that makes up our lives; including our chosen families that don't always "fit" the traditional monogamous model. Where we truly include the majority of people in this world, People Of Color. Where youth and seniors are not relegated to either being silenced or made invisible. If we need an umbrella for us all, why not Queer? Let's not be afraid of ourselves. We should welcome support from outside of our communities. But let's not do the job of those who oppose our very right to exist. Let us name ourselves and speak with our own voices. I am a proud QUEER; in solidarity with all my brothers and sisters around the world, and I will be accepted as what I am, not who someone else want me to be.

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International GLB Rowing in Switzerland, 1999.

I am trying to organise 2 international GLB rowing events in Switzerland for 1999. I am in discussions with the SRV to make these officially recognised events which if happen and succeed will be repeated every year.

1) Spring/summer Regatta - The two venues in consideration for the spring/summer regatta are the Greiffensee, a place of stunning nature and absolute beauty, and the well known to all of us Luzerner Rotsee. Greiffensee is the first choice because there is a wonderful camping site with excellent facilities and excellent access from the motorways. The site is also brilliant for cycling with countless paths to almost everywhere both for mountain bikers and streeters. In addition this site is just 4 km from the major airport here in Zurich. There are 2 rowing clubs in the area happy to store boats plus any kind of motor boats are forbidden.

2) The long distance head - For the long distance head the venue is the lake of Zurich which has almost 34 kilometers of undisturbed water and is totally free of boat traffic during the and autumn/winter seasons with very good water.

Both events can very easily become money spinners for our causes and we can easily dedicate every year funds to go to a different cause or charity. There is, as I am sure a lot of you already know well, a lot of work involved to organise this, please can you get in contact with me if you would be interested with comments, suggestions, ideas etc. Anyone also volunteering to offer any kind of assistance will be mostly welcome.

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Poem:

A Story To Sweep You Off Your Feet

Once upon a time, two brooms fell in love and decided to get married. Before the ceremony, The bride broom informed the groom broom That she was expecting a little wisk-broom. The groom broom was aghast! "How is this possible?" he asked "We've never swept together!"

Anon





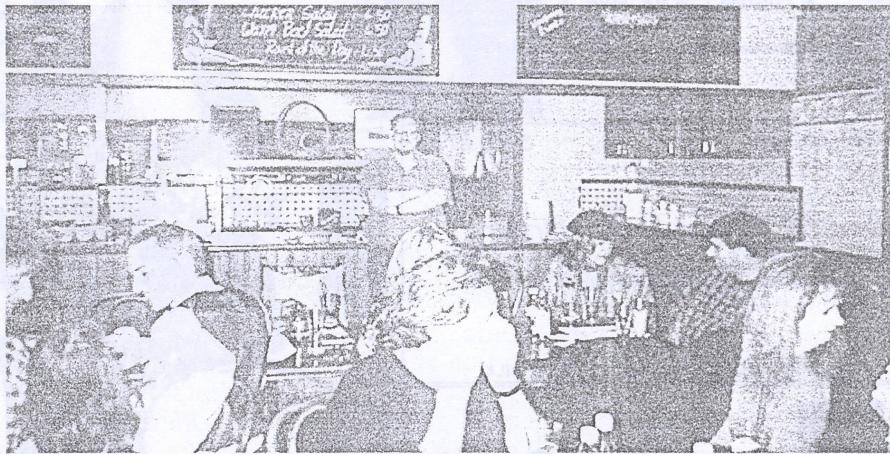
Telling your wife you're Bi.



I have known since the age of 14 that I was bisexual. The hardest thing to do was to tell my wife and lover of 7 years that I was bi. I had wanted to tell her for a long time that I was bi. A lot of thinking, soul searching and listening to people that have and haven't told their lovers of their sexuality. Their thoughts and what happened when they told their spouses I considered very closely. There were some happy stories of support and strengthening of their love. Stories of break ups and hard times by the couples involved. Thoughts of rejection went through my mind, the breakdown of our relationship and companionship came to mind as well. All I really wanted to do was tell the woman that I love with all my heart and soul about my sexuality. After all a marriage is based on love and trust. I thought that I was lying to my wife that she didn't know about my sexuality. I was sick of hiding my sexuality. Sick of surfing the Internet looking at guys and thinking Deb would find him attractive. Sick of secretly looking at guys passing in the street and not passing a comment to my lover that he's cute. So I decided to tell her. But when to do it was the question.

A lot of talking to people in a similar position as myself was done before the right time came. Well the time was right. We were having one of our heart to hearts that we do occasionally, when we are both feeling a bit down. So I told Debbie. I was expecting to be told to get out and don't come back. But to my surprise and delight all she said was "Why didn't you tell me earlier". I said that it's not an easy thing to tell your lover that you are bi. She said, "you don't know me very well do you. Were you expecting me to tell you to get out". I said that yes I did. She told me not to be so stupid. She told me that she loves me and she would never do that. It was time to open up. I told her about things that I have done. Absolutely everything. I was holding nothing back now. I was happy that I could finally say what I was feeling. Things haven't been easy since then. There have been a few tears shed, doubts in Deb's mind. Worries that I myself, think are silly, but to her are important. She was worried that I may go off and leave her for another man. Now it was my turn to tell her she is silly, and that she is the only woman for me. I said to her would you feel the same if I was looking at women. And she said yes. So I said what's the difference.

A lot of this stress I'll admit was my fault. I said to Deb that if she didn't want to know what I had done, that I wouldn't tell her. But she said that it's OK. Get it off your chest. But I didn't realize that it was hurting and confusing her to hear all I had done. After a good heart to heart and talking to two special people, who have helped the pair of us greatly, everything is fine. Let me tell you, after driving Deb to work that morning. I thought as I was driving off, "will I ever see my wife again". I shed a tear and thought of what I had said and the repercussions of it. But she rang me when she finished work to pick her up. What JOY and relief I felt, when I heard her sweet, lovely voice. Everything was fine. That was two months ago. I would like to thank all the people who I spoke to for their support and love. But there are a couple of people who really helped us through all this. I consider these people to be true friends and without their love, support, and being there just to listen, telling Debbie would have been a lot harder. And finally to my darling wife and lover Debbie, who is the best woman a bi guy could ever have.



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POSTER BAN COULD KILL: GAY LOBBY

The rejection by the Australian Federal Government of an anti-suicide poster campaign urging young gay and lesbian people to be comfortable with their sexuality was an "appalling" decision which could cost lives, according to a homosexual lobby group. The West Australian AIDS Council poster featuring young people of the same sex kissing and urging young homosexuals to "trust your feelings" was banned by Family Services Minister Judi Moylan.

"I think (the campaign) has leaned a little bit too much towards the promoting of a gay and lesbian lifestyle ... and not enough about suicide," Ms Moylan said. She has asked the AIDS Council to redraft the campaign developed by the West Australian AIDS Council and the West Australian Gay and Lesbian Counselling Service with a A\$200,000 grant from the federal A\$18 million National Youth Suicide Prevention Strategy. Australian Council on Lesbian and Gay Rights spokesman Brian Greig said Ms Moylan was promoting a 1950s argument that people could be recruited into homosexuality.

"She is placing at risk more lives because of her incompetence and her prejudice," he said. In May a House of Representatives standing committee report said sexually confused young people were at a higher risk of suicide. The campaign is the first in Australia to link youth suicide and sexuality and follows a parliamentary report identifying them as being at risk of suicide. "If we are serious about addressing youth suicide among young gays and lesbians then we have to give them a sense of self esteem," Mr Greig said.

The advertisement said sexually confused young people went through a difficult time. "These feelings are a natural and healthy thing, they are one more part of who you are," the poster said. "It's OK to question your sexuality, it's OK to be unsure and it's OK to take your time finding out. Many young people feel the same. You are not alone." Ms Moylan said the AIDS Council agreed the campaign needed wide community acceptance to work. "Parents need to be made aware these are often issues and families need to perhaps be more aware," she said.

"Our primary concern has to be saving young lives and that means that community has to come to a better understanding about the issues that give rise to suicide among young people."

Source: Jean Richter, richter@eecs.Berkeley.EDU



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Quote: "Without Peace of Mind,
madness nips at our heels" Fritz Klein, MD



Fifi had a little help to dress, getting those stockings on was a fun job. Then we girls discovered that Fifi had better legs than us, she may have to take a reduction in pay for that.





GAY AUSSIE FILM IS MAINSTREAM HIT

The new Australian movie Head On which depicts a day in the life of a young gay Greek man and includes explicit gay-sex scenes is a box-office smash in the suburban multiplexes of Melbourne and Sydney, reports Melbourne Star Observer.

Source:Rex Wockner <rwockner@netcom.com>

INTERNATIONAL HATE CRIMES CONFERENCE 2002 Lesbian and Gay Anti-Violence Project Sydney, Australia
All around the world, governments, communities, organisations, and individuals are working to spread hate, to promote violence, to batter, to kill, to silence lesbians and gays. And all around the world, other individuals, communities, organisations and governments are working to bring to an end this hate, to protect and extend our human rights, to promote our health, and to ensure that the rule of law is applied equally, fairly and justly. With the Gay Games coming to Sydney in 2002 we believe this is a perfect opportunity to stage the first international conference on eliminating hate violence against lesbians and gays. The 2002 Gay Games will bring an estimated 15,000 international visitors to Sydney, attracting not only sports men and women but also human rights activists, representatives of NGOs and Governments from throughout the world, many of whom work in or have an interest in violence prevention.

For more information see <http://www.eagles.com.au/~avp/2002>

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Anger at planned gay law

The Beattie Government will include same sex partners, as well as de facto couples, in proposed legislation covering property rights when relationships end under radical law changes planned for early next year. Catholic Archbishop John Bathersby said it was another example of individual freedom "gone mad". If the bill is passed Queensland would join the ACT as the only state or territory recognising the rights of gay couples. A spokesman for Liberal party leader David Watson said he did not believe the bill would be passed by parliament.

Source: The Internet

The gay approach defence may be on its way out

The State Government should amend the Crimes Act urgently to stop lawyers using allegations of homosexual advances as the basis for the defence of provocation, a controversial new report prepared by a working party appointed by the Attorney-General has recommended. It also calls for the age of consent for gay men to be lowered to 16, in line with the age of consent for heterosexual men. It further recommends that judges should be formally reminded in writing that the courts are not "courts of morals", especially in cases where the sexuality of the alleged victims "does not conform with majority stereotypes". A similar recommendation made by the Royal Commission into police corruption last year was immediately rejected by the Premier, with the support of the Coalition parties.

Source: The Internet



International News

HIV+ CANADIANS MUST REVEAL STATUS BEFORE SEX

People with HIV or other dangerous sexually transmitted diseases must reveal their condition to sex partners before having sex without condoms, the Supreme Court of Canada ruled. The decision came in the case of Henry Cuerrier of Squamish, who had sex with two women more than 100 times without telling them he carries HIV.

Source: Rex Wockner <rwockner@netcom.com>

FIJI BANS DISCRIMINATION AGAINST SEXUAL ORIENTATION

The new constitution of the South Pacific nation of Fiji bans discrimination based on sexual orientation. South Africa is the only other nation that bans discrimination based on sexual orientation via its constitution.

Source: Rex Wockner <rwockner@netcom.com>

CANADIAN HIV-POSITIVE MAN CHALLENGES U.S. BAN

Canadian HIV-positive AIDS activist Richard Hollingsworth tried to cross into the U.S. at Eastport, Idaho carrying a sign that said, "AIDS does not discriminate but governments do." He was sent back to Canada. U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service policy bans the entry of HIV-positive foreigners unless they receive special permission to visit family, seek medical treatment or attend a conference. "This is a human-rights issue and a social injustice and we need to get this matter resolved," Hollingsworth said. "This matter isn't over, and I want to be at Eastport again."

Source: Rex Wockner <rwockner@netcom.com>

NEW AIDS STRAIN

A new strain has been isolated by French researchers working in West Africa. So far, the new strain has been found only in one patient, who died of AIDS-related causes in 1995, but French and African officials have launched a public health investigation.

Source: The Internet



➤ An Australian in London pays high price for gay rights fight

An Australian who is Britain's most prominent gay rights campaigner has revealed the price he has paid for his high profile, being gay-bashed an average of once a month for the past 17 years. Peter Tatchell's latest bashing is the main reason for a new delay in his court case, for interrupting the Archbishop of Canterbury's Easter Sunday address with a protest from the pulpit of Canterbury Cathedral. Tatchell, head of the campaign group OutRage!, said in an interview. "It's like living through a low level civil war. Formerly of Melbourne, Tatchell said at his lowest ebbs he had considered giving away his campaign, which recently has centred on lowering the age of consent for gay couples from 18 to 16 to bring it level with that for heterosexuals.

Source: The Internet

275 Vietnamese AIDS victims die in one week

Dr Quang Hai of the National AIDS Committee said the deaths of 275 patients during the week ending September 21 was the highest recorded in a seven-day period. Hai said 10,226 people have contracted the virus, with 1,819 of them suffering full-blown AIDS since the first case was detected in December 1990. He said AIDS has spread to 59 of Vietnam's 61 provinces. Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) has been the most affected area, with 2,639 cases reported.

Source: The Internet

KUALA LUMPUR: Anwar Charged with Sodomy

Sacked deputy prime minister Anwar Ibrahim is to be formally charged with four counts of sodomy and five of corruption. Beaten and brought to court under heavy guard, Anwar could get 20 yrs and be whipped for dubious sex charges, while demonstrations and arrests go on. Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said he personally interviewed people who said they engaged in illegal sex acts with his ousted deputy. Mahathir, sacked Anwar as his deputy and finance minister on September 2. Anwar, 51 and the father of six children, says trouble started when he began questioning Mahathir's policies and challenged his 17-year-rule.

Source: The Internet

Oregon's Governor Again Proclaims "Lesbian and Gay History Month"

Oregon governor John Kitzhaber had proclaimed October 1998 as "Lesbian and Gay History Month," the Coalition to End Bigotry. The proclamation acknowledges the contributions that the LGBT people have made to society throughout Oregon history. The month of October offers the opportunity for positively affirming the lives, families, and culture of LGBT individuals, says the proclamation. 1998 marks the fourth year that Governor Kitzhaber has issued a statewide proclamation to End Bigotry. ABN has the full text of proclamation.

Source: Jean Richter -- richter@eecs.berkeley.edu

Gays Test New Freedoms in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, The groom wore a gold suit to Saturday's wedding reception. The bride wore a white satin dress, a strand of pearls adorning HIS neck. Four years after apartheid ended in favor of racial equality, gays are breaking barriers of their own. Two men, married secretly by an Anglican cleric, plan to push those boundaries even further when they seek to legalize their marriage before a magistrate. "We put our hearts into this, and it wasn't a mock wedding," Desmond Klcynhans shouted above the din at his wedding reception. The pastor conducted the ceremony Friday night at a private home, declaring the couple married "in the name of God" after an exchange of vows and rings. "If word goes out that I conducted a gay wedding, I will lose my job tomorrow," said the pastor, a bisexual who was interviewed on condition of anonymity.

Source: The Internet

Hepatitis A Alert for Gay Men

Gay and bi men should be aware of and vaccinated for what was once called "holiday hep." Hepatitis B has long been recognized as a special risk for gay men, and the more recently-identified hepatitis C has been grabbing headlines, but the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) is now recommending that gay men be vaccinated for hepatitis A in the wake of an Atlanta, Georgia outbreak that began in 1996. Hepatitis A is an acute infection that usually lasts two to three weeks. It inflames the liver, causing flu-like symptoms and sometimes jaundice.

Source: Yahoo News - The Internet

NEW AIDS THREAT

In the past 6 months, 6 straight porn actors have become infected with HIV. Buttsex is now the in thing in straight porn. We're talking unprotected buttsex no condoms. The straight porn industry has not used condoms in its videos during the past 20 years, and even today are reluctant to do so. "It can't happen to straight people."

Source: The Internet

Ohio man's death may be gay-related

Suburban Cincinnati homicide detectives say a beaten and strangled 42-year-old bisexual man may have met his killer in a gay bar. Michael Carpenter's wife, who knew about his bisexuality, found his nude body Sunday on the bedroom floor of their home, his hands tied behind his back with a sock. The couple had been married for 12 years. Police Sgt. Terry Zinser said there were no signs of forced entry into the apartment, and that jewelry, the victim's wallet, and his car were missing.

Source: The Internet

Dianetics and homosexuality

This is to warn gays, lesbians, bisexuals, pansexuals, and other "perverts" (like me), as well as all people who care about gay rights, of the danger posed by the Church of Scientology. As demonstrated below, the Church of Scientology has determined that gays pose a grave danger to society. The Church has a solution. Gays can either be quarantined and institutionalized, or undergo Church "processing."

The Church of Scientology has officially determined that gays are perverts. In *Dianetics, The Modern Science of Mental Health*, L. Ron Hubbard, the Founder of the Church of Scientology, wrote: "The sexual pervert (and by this term Dianetics, includes any and all forms of deviation in dynamic two such as homosexuality, lesbianism, sexual sadism, etc., is actually quite ill physically." "Dynamic two is the urge of the individual toward ultimate survival via the sex act, the creation of and the rearing of children." See *Dianetics*, Book 1, Chapt. 4, at p. 43.

L. Ron Hubbard and the Church of Scientology have also determined all of the behavioral characteristics (beyond mere sexual preference) of "perverts" such as homosexuals. In *Science of Survival*, Hubbard established a "tone scale" for classifying individuals and evaluating human behavior. The tone scale ranges from -3 at the bottom (death), to +4 at the top. "Perverts," such as homosexuals, fall at 1.1 on the tone scale: Here we have promiscuity, perversion, sadism, and irregular practices." *Science of Survival*, Book One, Chapt. 18, at 116. According to the Church of Scientology, gays and other "perverts" are dangerous in the extreme:

One should not, and indeed cannot, trust a 1.1" gay "pervert." "The person may claim to love others and to have the good of others as his foremost interest; yet, at the same moment, he works, unconsciously or otherwise, to injure or destroy the lives and reputations of people and also to destroy property."

It appears that for Hubbard, the danger posed by "1.1" gay "perverts" cannot be underestimated. Society is faced with only one choice: No social order will survive which does not remove these people from its midst." The obvious solution is a simple one: "Such people should be taken from the society as rapidly as possible and uniformly institutionalized; for here is the level of the contagion of immorality, and the destruction of ethics;"

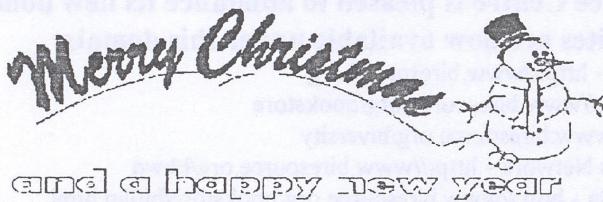
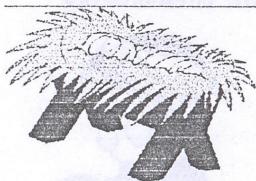
On the other hand, the Church of Scientology offers an alternative: "The only answers would seem to be the permanent quarantine of such persons from society to avoid the contagion of their insanities". Thus, the Church offers gays a choice. Gays can avoid being quarantined or institutionalized by simply undergoing Church "processing" to raise their tone level so that they are no longer gay "perverts," but instead have "value."

NOTE RE: FAIR USE: Please note that the quotations set forth above from *Dianetics, The Modern Science of Mental Health*, and *Science of Survival, Prediction of Human Behavior*, do not infringe the copyrights on said works. See 17 U.S.C. Sec. 107; *New Era Publications Int'l ApS v. Carol Pub. Group*, 904 F.2d 152 (2nd Cir. 1990), *cert. denied*, 498 U.S. 921, 111 S.Ct. 297, 112 L.Ed.2d 251 (1990).

NOTE RE: CURRENT PERTINENCE OF PRIMARY SOURCES: Although *Dianetics, The Modern Science of Mental Health* was first published in 1950, and *Science of Survival, Prediction of Human Behavior* was first published in 1951, both books are currently sold and taught at Scientology Churches worldwide. (slik@slk.org.uk) <http://www.slik.org.uk>

"god made me an unbeliever for a reason, and who am i to question her judgement?"

Hugs Wayne



and a happy new year

Religious Debate and Sexuality

The great religious debate has been going on for years in regards to sexuality, there are people who argue for and those who argue against. The Bible clearly states to "love thy neighbour", which means we should all love each other and accept each other for who we are whatever we wish to label ourselves. Whether I have a sexual relationship with a man or a woman is really nobody else's business but those in the relationship. Reading the Bible in context I have not found anywhere where it states it is against God's Law or that it is wrong to be gay, les, bi, etc.

The Bible is full of passages that should reassure queer people that they are part of the family of God. At the end of Romans 8 - Nothing can separate you from the love of God. The story of Sodom is a strange support for anti-gay Christians. If all the men in the town were homosexual, how did there come to be children there? The Bible quite clearly states that the reason Sodom was destroyed was their lack of hospitality and charity to the stranger (Ezekiel 16). Its nothing to do with homosexuality. The fact that the men of Sodom wanted to "know" the strangers was an act of aggression, not a sexual act. And read to the end of the story - if Sodom was destroyed because of homosexuality, then why doesn't the sex between Lot and his daughters receive more condemnation? I don't think anyone in their right minds would argue that the incest in this story means that incest is OK??

In John's Gospel "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have eternal life." I don't notice an exclusion clause in there for those of us who are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual, etc. There also seems to be a lot of differences between religions, for example the story about The Church of Scientology and their beliefs. Christianity in itself has many different variations. I have always believed that If you believe in God, are true to yourself and are kind to your fellow man/woman then there will always be a place in Heaven for you. God loves everyone no matter what you label yourself.

All the best Bob & Brenda

Joke: Two secretaries were discussing one of the junior executives. The first one said, "He dresses so well." The other replied, "Yes. And so quickly too."

AUSTRALIA'S HOMOSEXUAL HISTORIES: CONFERENCE

Speakers from almost all states will be addressing topics such as: Gay Liberation And The Paradox Of Bisexuality; - Secrets Or Lies: Hot Potatoes in the Too Hard Basket; -Remembering Mardi Gras; Rhetorical 'Community' and Commemorative Violence; - Queer Sounds on the Australian Pop Charts (1954-1974); - Becoming-Violet: Mary Fullerton's Poetry and Lesbian Desire; - Wolves, Vampires and Nuns: Some images from lesbian culture; - Researching Gay Men: The Deliberate Act of Creating Ourselves; - Gay Lifestyle and the causes of AIDS; - Gay Culture and Politics in Early AIDS Mobilisation: Melbourne and Sydney Models; - Perverting the Past: History, Sexuality, Western Australia; - Cross dressing, sexual (mis)representation and homosexual desire in Australia 1863-1893; - A Guided Tour of the Melbourne Homosexual Subculture; - CAMP Inc. and the Emergence of the "Open" Homosexual; - Origins of Homosexual Politics in Australia; - Feminism the Theory, Lesbianism the Practice; - History of PFLAG; - Did we manage to kill the family? - The media whirlwind that was; - The Man Who Discovered Australia, or Was Quiros?; - Queen Against Nation; - Homosexual Law Reform in South Australia; - The Church and Homosexuality; - The History of Lesbian Publishing; - Deciding Who was Who: Gay and Lesbian Biography and History.

Location :-University of Melbourne 13 - 14 November 1998 Cost: \$25/\$15 concession. For more details (including the detailed program, which will be available soonish). Ring Graham on (03) 9344 7944 or (better) email on g.willett@politics.unimelb.edu.au



THE BISEXUAL RESOURCE CENTER

The Bisexual Resource Centre is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to providing information and educational resources to bisexual groups around the world. The centre has hosted six regional conferences on bisexuality and three BiFests since 1984 and publishes the Bisexual Resource Guide.

The Bisexual Resource Centre is pleased to announce its new domain name: [biresource.org](http://www.biresource.org)

The following web sites are now available under this domain:

Bisexual Resource Centre - <http://www.biresource.org>

Bisexual Bookstore - <http://www.biresource.org/bookstore>

Biversity Boston - <http://www.biresource.org/biversity>

Boston Bisexual Women's Network - <http://www.biresource.org/bbwn>

Bisexual Characters in Film - <http://www.biresource.org/bookstore/bifilm.html>



Bisexual Videostore On The Internet

 The Bisexual Resource Center in Boston is pleased to announce the opening of the Bisexual Videostore. In cooperation with Reel.com, the BRC will be offering videos with bisexual characters for *sale* or *rent* via the web. The URL for the Bisexual Videostore is: <http://www.biresource.org/videostore>

Many films with bi characters are in the theaters only briefly and can be difficult to locate at your nearby lackluster video store. This is especially true if you don't live in a large city. The videostore currently lists more than 125 films with bi characters. Several more will be added in the coming weeks. There is also a search feature available to locate other films in the huge Reel.com catalog. As with the bisexual bookstore (<http://www.biresource.org/bookstore>), all purchases and rentals generate a small "finders fee" for the BRC to help finance the work of the Bisexual Resource Center. BRC projects this year include the 5th International Bisexual Conference, a new edition of the Bisexual Resource Guide (to be released in January), expanding the [biresource.org](http://www.biresource.org) website, updating and distributing pamphlets about bisexuality, and maintaining the bisexual archives.

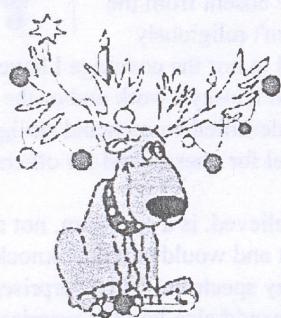
Sign In a Japanese hotel:	<i>"You are invited to take advantage of the chambermaid."</i>
In a Bangkok dry cleaner's:	<i>"Drop your trousers here for best results."</i>
On a ski lift in Taos:	<i>"No jumping from the lift. Survivors will be prosecuted."</i>

EVERYONE READ THIS

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRACTICE SAFER SEX WITH ALL PARTNERS. THAT MEANS USING A CLEAN CONDOM WITH EACH PARTNER FOR BOTH VAGINAL AND ANAL INTERCOURSE. THE NUMBER OF WOMEN BECOMING INFECTED WITH HIV IS INCREASING IN AUSTRALIA WITH NOTABLE RISES RECENTLY IN NSW & WA, SO PLEASE TAKE RESPONSIBILITY NOT ONLY FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION BUT THAT OF YOUR PARTNERS. ORAL SEX DOES POSE A RISK FOR TRANSMITTED OF SEVERAL SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES & HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED AS THE MEANS OF TRANSMISSION IN A SMALL NUMBER OF CASES OF HIV INFECTION OVERSEAS. HERPES, HEP. B, GONORRHOEA ARE SOME OF THE INFECTIONS THAT ARE TRANSMITTED ORALLY. WORRIED THEN USE CONDOMS AND/OR DAMS OR SEEK FURTHER ADVICE FROM YOUR HEALTH OR AIDS COUNCIL STAFF. FOR DIGITAL PENETRATION (FINGERING) OF VAGINA OR ANUS USE CLEAN LATEX GLOVES OR CONDOMS WITH EACH PARTNER AND NEVER SHARE DILDOS, VIBRATORS, ETC. TRY TWO OR MORE CONDOMS ON VIBRATORS REMOVING THE TOP ONE BEFORE EACH NEW PENETRATION. USE CLEAN GLOVES FOR FISTING. IF YOU INJECT, NEVER SHARE NEEDLES AND SYRINGES WITH ANY OTHER PERSON. ALWAYS USE A NEW CLEAN NEEDLE AND OTHER GEAR. WE CARE ABOUT YOU. PLEASE DON'T PLACE YOURSELF, LOVED ONES AND OTHERS AT RISK BECAUSE OF IGNORANCE, FEAR, LUST OR BEING OUT OF IT.



Joining the tables together to form a group makes for a friendlier atmosphere at Bar Bi.



Fifi hard at work looking after the ladies at the spa night at Brenda's.



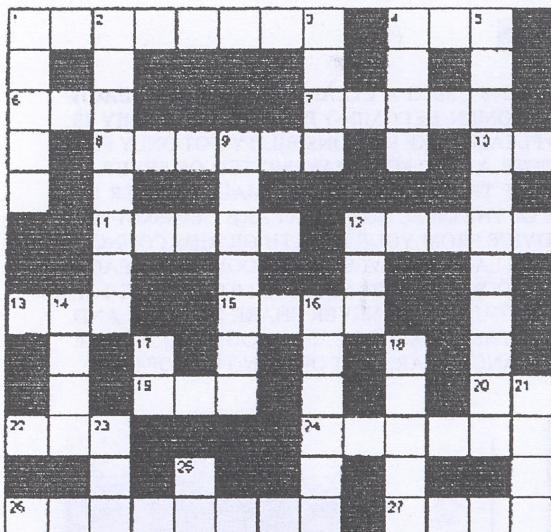
Eating Disorders

"People think those with eating disorders are rare, however, women who are content with their natural body shape and their relationship with food are actually the minority," Joanne Blair of the Eating Disorders Association said. While eating disorders are mainly connected with women it does affect the homosexual community. "I would say a high proportion of gay men perhaps up to 20 percent have eating disorders.

"Maybe one in ten maybe even less," Janette Hull of the UQ Eating Issues Support Group said. Ms Hull also commented on the fact it is a form of internalized sexism. According to research anorexic males display a considerable degree of anxiety with regard to sexual activities and relationships. Statistics comparing 29 male anorexics to 23 female anorexics showed the males displayed significantly more sexual anxieties than did females. 75 per cent of this group reported a high degree of "disgust" towards sexual relationships and several felt anxious about "getting involved too closely" It seems, according to research, bulimic males seem to be more sexually active than anorexic males. Eating disorders in males seem to be due to conflict over gender identity or sexual orientation.

If you would like more information please contact Janette Hull on 3846 4978 or you can e-mail her on: janettemate@hotmail.com Joanne Blair of the Eating Disorders Association can give you more information about eating disorders and she can be





If you have a puzzle, crossword, find a word, maze, whatever, feel free to send them to us with the solution and we will put them in the Biways for all to enjoy.



Across:

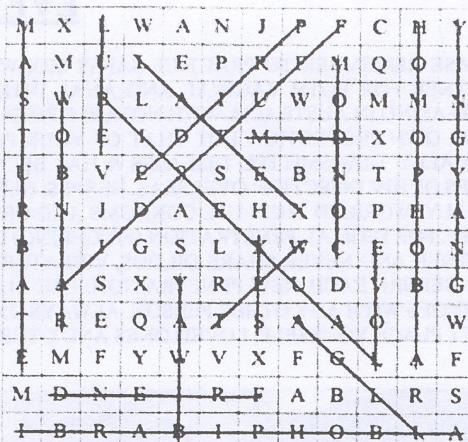
- 1 An attraction to both sexes
- 4 Someone's rear end (slang)
- 6 Old name for 1 down
- 7 A Turkish governor of a province
- 8 The womb
- 10 This word means what it says
- 11 A recorded item of debt
- 12 A tailor measures this
- 13 When the sun is up
- 15 Ernie's living partner

19 An exclamation

- 20 1st 2 initials of a Swedish band
- 22 Donkey
- 24 Can carry HIV/AIDS contamination
- 26 An event where only women go
- 27 Some people like to suck these

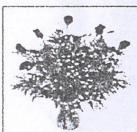
Down:

- 1 Second Saturday of each month
- 2 What day is the Gold Coast BBQ on
- 3 First word of "Lollyes" dams
- 4 Outback



Solution to Find a word in last issue

- 5 A person who has changed sexes
- 9 The colour of the queer flag
- 12 This "stuff" should be used as lube
- 14 Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
- 16 Chocolates sometimes come in these
- 17 ___ & ___ initials
- 18 Reward
- 21 Where sleep sometimes happens (plural)



Bisexual Thank You



My personal soapbox of the moment: The issue that I have found conspicuously absent from the recent verbal and print wranglings around. While I will freely admit that I haven't religiously monitored all of the relevant media, I was surprised that none of the talk shows I have listened to nor the coverage I have read surrounding the reactionary rights' recent ad campaigns have even once brought up Alfred Kinsey's work and/or the issue of bisexuality. There are, after all, a lot of gay-identified guys having sex with lesbian-identified women and straight-identified people who have had same-sex experiences. Why is it so necessary to choose a label for oneself and for others? I think that human beings defy labelling. None of us fit easily into these neat little categories.

Sexual behavior, if Alfred Kinsey and personal observation and experience are to be believed, is a spectrum, not an either-or proposition. I know that this is a sensitive, complicated issue, but it is so to the point and would certainly knock the wind out of that ad campaign. If both the Paulk's don't fit somewhere within the 2-5 Kinsey spectrum, I'd be surprised. If the non-celibate "ex-gays" aren't classifiable somewhere within the Kinsey 2-5 spectrum, I would also be very surprised.

Bisexuality is one of the issues our Dr. Sylvia Rhue has been dealing with in her outreach to ministers and other church people. In most cases, they have not been adverse to hearing about and considering the possibility that there is a whole spectrum of sexual behavior in human beings, and why that is both possible and natural.

Warmly, Linda Alband, Woman Vision



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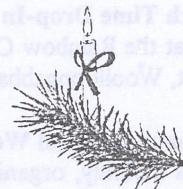
Hugs improve your appearance & are good for your health

Only 8 weeks until
Santa comes down
the chimney. The
year has gone fast
so get in quick with
your shopping for
Xmas.

Gillian, pictured here,
will hopefully have
her baby home in
time for
Xmas.
(Merry Christmas
everyone.)



Wayne and
Anthony at Bar
Bi enjoying a
moment
together before
Wayne rushes
off to welcome
some new
comers to
ABN.

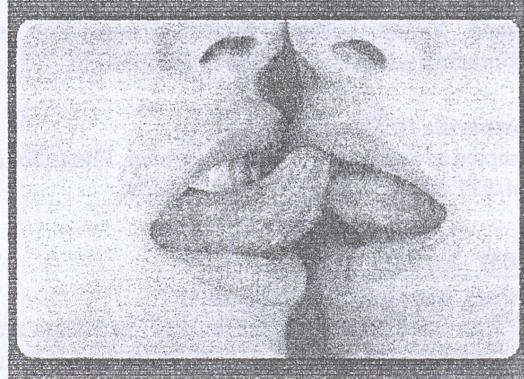


Somebody's
been into the
Christmas
decorations
for the
mistletoe
again.



Tidbits

ATHENS: A bride-to-be suffered a nervous breakdown the night before her wedding on the Greek island of Crete when she discovered the groom, dressed in her wedding gown, in the arms of his best man. The future husband and wife were celebrating at separate parties when the bride's friends asked to go to the couple's new home to take a peek at the wedding dress, the semi-official Athens news agency reported. When they arrived, they found the gown-clad groom locked in a passionate embrace with the best man. The young woman has been treated at a clinic in the town of Iraklion since the incident on Saturday, the agency said. The wedding did not take place.



BI STUDIES . . . AIDS AMONG BLACK WOMEN SEEN AS A

GROWING PROBLEM: For years, doctors and AIDS prevention activists have expressed deep concern for black women as their rate of infection has skyrocketed. Researchers point to the dangers inherent in engaging in unprotected sex with men who keep their intravenous drug use or bisexual encounters hidden--problems that some theorize are more pronounced in the black community, where the stigma of bisexuality is thought to be particularly intense.

Source: BiNet USA webpage <http://www.BiNetUSA.org>

National Bi Listings

Australian Bisexual Network & its Bisexual Community Information Service

PO Box 490 Lutwyche, Brisbane Queensland Australia 4030

Tel. (07) 3857 2500 (+61-7-3857 2500 from overseas) Mobile: 0416-068 532

1800-653 223 toll free from outside Brisbane (please use only if absolutely necessary).

E-mail: ausbinet@rainbow.net.au Home Page: <http://www.rainbow.net.au/~ausbinet>

Australian Bisexual Youth Alliance (ABYA)

ABYA is the national youth arm of ABN with Bi youth groups in Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne which organise regular meetings and social events for young bisexual men and women aged 27 and under and some events for those under 30. For more details call or e-mail ABN.

Queensland

Australian Bisexual Network (Brisbane)

Meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month for coffee and chat, refer to our calendar of events.

Bar Bi at The Rat Hotel, Cnr. Constance & Ann Streets, Fortitude Valley is held on the 2nd Saturday And 4th Wednesday each month from 8pm to Midnight.

Lunch Time Drop-In is on each Thursday 12Noon to 2pm at the Rainbow Community Centre, 719A Stanley Street, Woolloongabba.

Brisbane Bisexual Women's Group (BiFem)

Meets monthly, organises Social events for bi women, women Questioning their sexuality, partners of bi women and their friends. Call Brenda on (07) 3290 4069 Website: <http://bi.org/~ozbiwomen>

Brisbane Bi Youth (BBY)

Meets on the 1st Saturday each month at Southbank. Call Shawn (07) 3871 0160 or e-mail Chris At chrisrow@rainbow.net.au for location.

Inala Goes Gay

A support/social group for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. Ph Jenny or Penny on (07) 3275 5333 bus hours or Narelle (07) 3299 6154 AH

COCO

Tweed Valley Lesbian Social Group. For more information women can call (02) 6676 3332.

Townsville Bi Group

A mixed group for Bi men and women, Phone Julie on 014-971 582 or Bruce on 041 774 8658.

New South Wales

Sydney Bisexual Network (SBN)

PO Box 281, Broadway, NSW 2007. Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of each month from 8pm, Upstairs, Macro Wholefoods, 170 King Street, Newton. For information on Sydney Events & meetings call (02) 9565-4281 or check their web site at <http://bi.org/~sbn> or e-mail: sbn@bi.org

Sydney Bi Youth (SBY)

PO Box 73 Darlinghurst, NSW 2010. Meetings on the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month at the Pride Centre, 26 Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills, 2010. Contact SBY by Ph Glenn on 0414-664 888 or Sam on 015-677 016. e-mailing sby@queer.org.au

website: <http://www.queer.org.au/~sby/>

Bi & Partners Social Club (Gosford)

Due to some unforeseen problems the only contact we can offer is a mobile phone number:- 0413-975 731. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Women Partners of Bisexual Men Support Project

PO Box 350 Darlinghurst, NSW 2010 Or phone (02) 9206 2026 (business hours).

Sydney Bi Fem Social Group

A social group for bi and curious women especially those married with children. Meets regularly. Contact Karen by Phone (02) 9447 5924 or e-mail: peace@one.net.au Website: <http://www2.one.net.au/~peace>

Guys Like Us

A social group for gay, bisexual and curious guys under 30 meets monthly at both Maclean & Grafton in NSW. Call Sean or Jon on (02) 6645 3863.

WAYWAYRD

Social Support Society of Western Sydney To improve facilities, services and friendships amongst the LGBTT community in the Western Suburbs. Wayward is open to any "LGBT's" living or working from the Western Suburbs of Sydney and you must be over 18 years of age to join. Wayward, PO Box 4092 Parramatta NSW 2124 Ph: (02) 9897 0268 Mobile: (041) 740 3493 Email: rlevi@mail.usyd.edu.au

WEST GUYS YOUTH

A community based social and support group aimed at all young guys, under 26 years of age, who are attracted to other guys. That are, both openly gay and non-identifying gay and bisexual guys, both HIV positive and negative, who are living in western Sydney. Ph: Micheal on (02) 9832 7717 or Anthony on 0412 414 414. Email: westguys@one.net.au or icq# 19250 957

Words & Definitions: **PHONESIA:** (fo nee' zhuh) n. The affliction of dialling a phone number and forgetting whom you were calling just as they answer.

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Melbourne Bisexual Network (MBN)

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Melbourne Bi Youth (MBY)

Postal Address: c/o- 3/13 Arkle St, Prahran VIC 3181

Phone: (03) 9521 4128 Catherine

E-mail:catherinel@union.unimelb.edu.au

<http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Village/9202/>

To subscribe to the MBY mailing list, send an email to:

majordomo@queer.org.au with:subscribe mbby

in the body of the email (no subject line is necessary).

Bi & Partners Social Club (Geelong)

A support group for bisexual people and their partners, call Marci on (03) 5253 3103 Icq# 8852103 or e-mail Darryl at d_medley@hotmail.com

Our homepage site is:

<http://www.geocities.com/WestHollywood/Village/5188/>

Postal address: PO Box 388, Drysdale, Vic 3222.

Franklin Centre

Initiative of the Australian Bisexual Men's Association. The GAMMA Project provides counselling for bisexual and married gay men and their partners, training workshops for health and community professionals & volunteers, a resource library. Contact: The Franklin Centre, PO Box 223, Monte Albert, VIC 3127 Phone:(03)989 01068 or (03)989 90509 Email:gpnewst@vicnet.net.au URL:<http://www.vicnet.net.au/~abma>

Tasmania

Tasmanian Bisexual Support Network.

New support group for Bisexuals in Tasmania. Teddy ICQ#9731786 URL:<http://www.powerup.com.au/~daltoff>

Tasmanian Gay & Lesbian Rights Group

C/o TGLRG, GPO Box 1733, Hobart, TAS 7001. E-mail

Australian Capital Territory

Canberra Region Bisexual Network (CRBN)

PO Box 458, Civic Square, ACT 2608

South Australia

Adelaide Bisexual Support Group (ABSG)

Organizes social events and meetings for bi and bi-friendly people. If you are interested please call Jason Squire, E-mail: merlin@box.net.au or phone: (08) 8340 3538

Joke: Toothbrush Salesman keeps selling everything his Boss gives him, and his boss keeps expecting him to fail. Finally he gives him a truckload full. Guy sells them all in record time. Boss wants to know how. Well I go to the airport set up a table and say, "want a chocolate?" They take a bite and say, God it tastes like shit!" "You're right, want to buy a toothbrush?"

Bi The Way An online newsletter, with news and events for Adelaide's Bi community.

<http://www.box.net.au/~merlin/newsletter.html>

Bi The Way E-Mail List

A new mailing list for bisexuals in the Adelaide area. E-mail: btw@queer.org.au To subscribe, send an email to: Major-domo@queer.org.au and in the body of the email put the words subscribe **btw**

Western Australia

Western Australian Bisexual Network (WABN)

PO Box 1167, Canning Vale, WA 6155

E-mail: numbers@wantree.com.au

Perth Bisexual Women's Group (BiWim)

Bisexual women's social support group write to PO Box 8369, Stirling Business Centre, Western Australia 6849 or Phone Paula on: 041 2281 591

Men's Line

Support, information and referrals to men who have sex with other men but don't identify as gay. Phone: 08-9322 8401 or 1800-671 130.

Bisexual Meeting House (Perth)

Drop in centre for bisexual men providing sexual & social contact & group support. Call Keith on 08-9368 2575 (Sundays only).

Freedom Centre

Drop-in centre for gay, lesbian, bisexual & transgender youth in Perth. Open 3-10pm Wed, Fri & Sat. 134 Brisbane Street, Northbridge. Call 08-9228 0354 or write to PO Box 1510, West Perth WA 6872.

Enigma

Women partners of Bisexual Men support group. Call "Jane" on 08-9446 5092 after hours.

BifemPerth IRC chat channel.

An IRC chat & support group for Bi females in Perth. It can be found on some of these servers:- mpx.sydney.oz.org/aussie.sydney.oz.org/mpx.sydney.oz.org aussie.sydney.oz.org/usr.perth.oz.org

Northern Territory

KATHCON

KATHCON is a support group for bisexual people in the Katherine region of the NT. Write to Peter, c/- KATHCON, PO Box 417 Katherine, NT 0851

Other Bi Resources

HuddleStone On-line

An new On-line website designed to help gay, lesbian and bisexual Servicemembers.

Email:PostMaster@HuddleStone.Com

Webpage:[HTTP://HuddleStone.Com](http://HuddleStone.Com)

OzBi - E-mail list for Australian Bisexuals & friends. To subscribe, send the command: **subscribe ozbi** to majordomo@queer.org.au (leave subject line blank). To send E-mail message to list: ozbi@queer.org.au

The Australian Transgender Support
24 hr help line private phone.
ph (07)3254 0832 Fax:(07)3254 2680

Australian Queer Resources Directory (AusQRD)
AusQRD is a resource of links, library and archives of things that may be of use to the Australian, LGBT community. Website: <http://ausqrd.queer.org.au/>

Escrita en el Cuerpo, Lesbian, Bisexual and Different Women's Archives and Library
Mailing address: Guardia Vieja 4329 7mo H, Buenos Aires.
E-mail: escrita@arnet.com.ar
Phone: (54 1) 361 36 43 Fax: (54 1) 382 90 95

Bisexual Married Men of America
<http://www-personal.umich.edu/~dastony/bmma.html>

Queer Disabled E-mail List

Email list for disabled LBT women, ages 15 to 25. We discuss issues which effect our lives, such as sex, coming out, etc. We strive to be community oriented and uphold a positive level of support. email: birdie@gimgirl.com
Website: <http://www.gimgirl.com/queergirlies.html>

Bisexual resources web site

Bi The Way... Information, resources & links for bisexuals Chat room, message boards, personals & LesBiGay graphic resources. Email: BiBabyGyrl@aol.com
URL: <http://members.aol.com/BiBabyGyrl/BiTheWay.html>

NZ Bi group
Meeting 1st and 3rd Friday of the each month.
At the Pride Centre, 33 Wyndham Street, Auckland City (Peoples Centre Building)
Phone: Robyn Hopkins ph (09) 302-0590 6pm to 8pm

Bisexual Network of San Antonio
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Spouse Support Lists Update

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Internet mailing list for straight spouses and their lesbigay partners who are trying to keep their marriages intact and for keeping the relationship positive. Membership is confidential. **TO SUBSCRIBE:** Send an E-mail to: majordomo@mailinglist.net or visit our webpage at <http://www.mailinglist.net/ssml> The first (not subject) line of the message should be: **sub ssml** or **sub ssml-digest** E-mail questions concerning SSML to: MGRSSML@MailingList.net

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Bisexual Women's Contact Newsletter

PO Box 221, Budgewoi, NSW 2262

Jewish Bi E-Mail List Biachad

E-mail list for Jewish Bisexuals and their admirers. We are trying to bring Judaism and bisexuality together to see if the two can co-exist. Simply send mail to: majordomo@byz.org In the body of the message just write the following: **subscribe biachad** (your e-mail address) Once we get your request, we'll send you more info. Shalom, Adam & Paulette.

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Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual Correspondence Club

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Favorite Christmas Cookies

Go to the grocery store. Purchase one or more tubes of ready-made cookie dough. Go home.

Unwrap the cookie dough, carefully folding the wrapper inside-out and placing it at the bottom of your trash can. Better yet, bury it in the backyard. Cut off a portion of the cookie dough and smear it on a mixing bowl and spoon. Display bowl and spoon prominently so everyone can see your "work."

Slice cookie dough, place on cookie sheets and bake in the oven. But don't use a microwave because that won't work. I just know this...I've never actually tried it. I mean, you'd have to be pretty silly to stick cookie dough in the microwave, only to watch it melt and run together into one giant patty which explodes in three minutes. I've never seen this happen...I'm just supposing. Place cooled cookies on your hand-crafted platter* and serve to your guests.

Source: The Internet



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SOUTH AUSTRALIA (SA).

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BISEXUAL WOMAN 32, Straight Male 35, seek bisexual woman 18 - 35 for fun and friendship, long term if suited. Prefer slim, feminine, attractive, any nationality. We are non-smokers, non-scene, healthy and attractive, believe sex should be fun. Code SA-M4.

NEW SOUTH WALES (NSW).

ALSTONVILLE (Far North Coast).

BI WOMAN 22 years seeking a loving caring woman, interested in contacting other caring woman who are overweight. I enjoy outdoor life and looking for a woman from age 21 and over and must like cats. Code NS-S1.

CENTRAL COAST / SYDNEY.

BI MAN with a strong appreciation and preference for women, but Bi, wanting to meet a Bi or Straight female. I'm keen to form a committed relationship with a woman who is spiritually inclined, open to the possibility of having a child, attractive, slim & possibly interested in meditation or personal growth. I'm 41, 6 feet tall, attractive, blue eyes, dark hair, beard, fit, well educated, spiritually inclined & leading a reasonably healthy lifestyle. I'm looking for someone with more similarities than differences. If this sounds worthy of exploration please write, photo would be appreciated. Code NS-H6.

NORTHERN RIVERS, NSW.

BI GUY Active bi-guy seeks activity partners (m or f). I'm in my early 40s and married, so discretion essential. I'm easy going, friendly, honest and sincere. Interests: Travel, photography, creative writing, sport and uninhibited sex! Drop me a line to: robho@lis.net.au or reply to Code NS-H4.

HUNTER VALLEY, NSW.

BI TRANSSEXUAL WOMAN Hi. I love adventure and have all sorts of interests (check out my homepage at: <http://www.trl.aust.com/pollychrome/>). I'm looking for social contact and friendship with other bisexuals who share those interests. This is NOT an advert for sexual encounters, because I can't imagine having sex with people I don't know. Care to get to know me? See my home page and e-mail me from there. Code NS-S6.

CONDOMS DO HAVE AN EXPIRY DATE

JUNEE / ANYWHERE.

BI MALE looking for a penfriend/s and maybe more. I am 45 years old, short brown hair, have tats on both arms, approx 100kg, 181cm tall. I enjoy sport and training, reading books, good music not head banging rubbish, not to say I don't like Rock and Roll or Heavy Metal as long as it is good. I love bush land but also love going out to party. I am Bi and love sex in general. I am at present in a Correctional Centre and am looking toward having someone write to me as a pen pal to see if they want to open their heart and mind towards some sort of friendship. Ernie. Code NS-W3.

SYDNEY.

BI GUY cute looking, very slim young guy, 182 cm, brown hair, blue eyes, love beach, snow, movies and cafes. I'm gentle, intelligent, looking for Bi woman for friendship or relationship. Prefer under 40 years, like me. Would consider a couple. Code NS-P4.

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SYDNEY.

BI GUY 27, dreamer, genuine, passionate, romantic, looking for man / woman for F/R/Ship 23 - 30. Someone to share adventures of life, laughter, intimate moments and happiness! Photo appreciated, ALA. Pen Pals most welcome. Code NS-L1.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE

I'm a slim, shaved relaxed BI-BOY, aged 36 in a happy M/F relationship. I have dark, shoulder length hair and a smooth body. I'd love to make contact with other Bi-boys (age open) or groups who are into porn, sex-on-premises and other erotic fun. There must be some Biways readers into guys older 35! Videos and photography are exciting too and I'm also keen on nude swimming and sunbathing around Sydney area. I'm into most M/M sex and versatile, although prefer passive role with other guys. I could also get into kinky 'daddy' thing with the right older man. If any of this hits off with you e-mail me at: matthew@hotbot.com or reply to Code NS-L3.

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QUEENSLAND (QLD).

BABINDA / NTH. QUEENSLAND.

ON HOLIDAYS IN THE NORTH short term accomodation is available with bi guy in his home for travellers to North Queensland, close to Cairns, the Tablelands and rainforest. **Code QD-M17.**

BRISBANE.

BI WOMAN 26yrs.old, single, romantic, adventurous, down to earth, gentle & passionate seeks tall attractive, feminine, fit, non-smoker, Bi woman who loves travelling, animals, watching videos, going to movies, going to beach and most other outdoor and indoor activities. You must be into all types of music, be intelligent and into good conservation. I seek a permanent relationship with a woman aged 20-37 years of age. ALA from all women in Queensland and around Australia. Please send a clothed photo with reply. **Code QD-M19.**

BRISBANE.

ATTRACTIVE FEMININE BI ASIAN LADY seeking pretty feminine woman, 25 to 40 yrs for fun & exciting relationship, no couples please. **Code QD-C9.**

BRISBANE.

BI FEMALE (44, size 10) looking for another bi female for friendship and fun, sexy times. I am married and my husband would like to watch but not necessarily to participate. **Code QD-W10.**

BRISBANE.

BI COUPLE (M51, F44) looking for Bi male to become part of a mutually satisfying 3-some. Must have a hassle free approach and NS. ALA. **Code QD-W9.**

BRISBANE / REDCLIFFE.

BI GUY middle aged, but well preserved, divorced, non-smoker, social drinker, smooth, trannie, very passive, very loving, seeks Bi guy, non-smoker for friendship & relationship if suited. David. Photo & phone number would be nice. ALA. **Code QD-M18.**

BRISBANE / PINE RIVERS.

BI GUY 32, shy, artistic and romantic, spent a long time thinking I was exclusively gay. Seeking a bohemian woman of any age, (single or in a relationship), for friendship. Nothing sleazy. Please write. Anything is possible while Bowie lives. **Code QD-L8.**

BRISBANE / SE QLD.

BI GUY 23 yrs old seeking Bi guy up to 25 yo for friendship or relationship. I have blonde hair, blue eyes, tanned skin & smooth medium build. Please send detailed letter with photo & phone number for quick reply. **Code QD-D10.**

BRISBANE.

BI MALE 44, fit, solid to medium build, some say ruggedly handsome, shiftworker, would like to meet pre-op transsexual, transsexual or crossdresser for friendship and good times, hopefully a relationship will develop with right person. I am single and live alone, photo and phone number would be appreciated. Warren. **Code R22.**

BRISBANE.

BI MALE 38, artistic, intelligent, easy-going but shy at first seeks similar bi-female for friendship and possible relationship. **Code QD-M20.**

BRISBANE.

BI MALE tall, slim, good looking, 37 year old Bi male looking for a couple for fun & sexy times. Very outgoing. Prefer daytimes if possible. **Code QD-R23.**

BRISBANE.

BI GUY mid 40's secure seeks r'ship with slim attractive Bi lady to 40 yo. Want to enjoy all the good things of life even more with fun-loving adventurous companion. Photo & phone number would be greatly appreciated. ALA. **Code QD-F2.**

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BRISBANE.

GUY 31 muscular fit seeks young couple, Bi, 25-35 for first Bi experience. Must be understanding, safe sex only. I am honest, genuine, caring, non-smoker, social drinker, 5' 8", 67 kg. ALA. **Code QD-R19.**

BRISBANE BAYSIDE / CLEVELAND.

MARRIED BI MALE 50's would like to meet Bi man, Bi lady or Bi couple any gender mix, Wynnum to Cleveland or near by, a non-smoker and seeks same. **Code QD-K7.**

BRISBANE / GOLD COAST.

BI GUY 31 years of age, 'warped' sense of humour, 175cm (5'7"), medium build, non-smoker, occasional drinker, seeks male, female, transsexual or couple for friendship first, then maybe more. I am not looking for a spouse, just friend(s) to get together with when it suits us both / all. I am easy-going, eager to please and love oral (both giving and receiving). Photo appreciated. ALA. **Code QD-A3.**

BRISBANE / GOLD or SUNSHINE COASTS.

BI GUY single tall, slim, av looks, good sense of humour would like to meet other slim/medium build bi guys or girls under 35 for friendship, outings, hot sex if we like & possible ongoing relationship. Love giving oral, travel, movies, the beach and going out for a couple of drinks and a dance occasionally. Please write soon. Your photo gets mine in return. **QD-R13.**

CABOOLTURE.

BI MALE mid 30's would like to meet Bi males or females for friendship or more who are under 34 years of age. I am 5'10" tall, 70kg in weight and have olive skin and shoulder length hair. I am a smoker and social drinker. Please reply with photo if possible. ALA. Pen pals welcome. **Code QD-L9.**

CAIRNS.

COUPLE (she early 30's and he early 20's) would like to meet Bi males and females for friendship and mutual pleasure if the vibes are right. Relatively inexperienced but willing learners. E-mail is jcee@bigpond.com

GLADSTONE.

GUY 37 yo. Bi married looking to meet other Bi men in Gladstone area. Limited Bi experience so am keen to [Code QD-W12.] give it a go with the right bloke. I'm 5'9" tall, slim muscular, blue eyes, attractive, your phone no. gets mine.

GYMPIE / SUNSHINE COAST.

BI CURIOUS LADY attractive, married, 46 yo, non-smoker, social drinker, size 14-16, wishes to correspond with similar lady married or single for friendship and sexy times. Husband not necessarily involved in early stages. Discretion assured and expected. Your photo gets ours. ALA. **Code QD-J10.**

SUNSHINE BEACH.

COUPLE Bi woman 40 yrs, straight husband 41 yrs, seeks Bi woman for long term f/ship, r/ship. We're an easy-going, fun loving couple who enjoy the outdoor life and all kinds of social outings. **Code QD-H9.**

VICTORIA (VIC).



MELBOURNE.

BISEXUAL WOMAN seeks same. I am 29 and still living with ex-boyfriend. Medium build, long hair. I am into wholefood and martial arts. Looking for non-smoking Bi woman (single or attached) under 40 with a great sense of humour and an interest in sex. **Code VI-H4.**

MELBOURNE.

BI WOMAN My name is Nicole and I live in Melbourne, Victoria. I am 24 years old, have brown hair blue eyes and of light build. I am looking for bisexual women or lesbian females for the occasional sexual interludes for 1-on-1 only. Must have blonde/brown hair, blue, brown or hazel eyes. If interested and want to know more e-mail me, I'd love to hear from you. Email Nicole at agro@webconcept.com.au

MELBOURNE.

BI WOMAN Hello anybody my name is Cathy. I live in the southern area of Melbourne. I'm looking for someone with a like mind to share time with. If we get along in email I would love to meet. I work and am educated with a degree in Enviro Studies. I don't work in my field of study though. I'm 33 years old and very easy going. I'm chubby but hopefully not to way over the top. I'm short and make it just over 5 feet. I have hazel eyes and brown hair. So if you are interested please contact me on troppy66@hotmail.com

MELBOURNE.

COUPLE We are a Bi-Lady - 36 year old, Ex model, 5'4" olive skin, black shoulder length hair, brown eyes, and 47 year old Man, young looking and attractive professional, 5'10", olive skin, Short brown hair, blue eyes. We are looking for a genuine bi-lady who wants commitment, honesty and sincerity from us and is willing to return it. We would prefer a non-smoker, with or without children. An attractive person with an open mind and sense of humour would be most desirable. Please e-mail us at MelbourneCouple@hotmail.com We would love to hear from you.

MELBOURNE.

BI GUY 56 years old, living Peninsular, clean, nudist. I'm looking for either Bi or gay guys for sessions of kissing, stroking and hot sex. I am versatile and also love to crossdressing with other guys. I'd also love to meet a couple for sex. **Code VI-C2.**

MELBOURNE.

BI GUY 42 year old married bi guy looking for a clean and friendly couple for light bi contact. I am slim, friendly and squeaky clean and I would like to meet a couple where the guy likes male touch while having sex with his partner. Would be able to massage you both and provide touch and encouragement to the male. No intercourse required. My reward would be a nice bisexual massage from you both. Age and nationality open. Only safe sex activities. I am non-pushy and will respect any limits set. E-mail me at mcken@bigpond.com.au

MILDURA.

GUY Peter, 42 and married, would like to get in contact with other gay/bi, married men in Mildura area. Want to chat initially, (then possibly meet). Please write to my (anonymous) address, tnias@usa.net Discretion is absolutely essential.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA (WA).

BUNBURY.

SEEKING BI FRIENDS I'm 29 and happily married to a very understanding guy, I have 2 great kids and am currently balancing motherhood with the renovation of an old house and Uni. I would love to meet and/or correspond with other Bi women of any age, all replies answered. Write quoting: **Code WA-O2.**

COUNTRY WA.

BI TRANSEXUAL seeking a Bi woman for friendship and relationship. I'm 36 yo, long dark hair, 164 cm in height, a bisexual transsexual (pre-op M to F). NOTE: I'm plain and girl next-doorish. Not into gay scene etc. I live quietly and discretely the simple country life with my chickens and garden (but visit Perth regularly). I'm seeking someone flexible minded who'll accept both my current (and future) anatomy. My interests include environmental issues, reading and science fiction. I'm a non-smoker, non-drinker & not quite vegetarian. I am a - Bisexual transsexual, Seeking - Bisexual Woman. **Code WA-J1.**

PERTH.

BI WOMAN Hi, I'm a 21 yr old bi female looking for a bi female also whose within the age range 18-25. If you like pub-crawling or just sitting by the beach to watch the sunset, as well as going for concerts and movies and catching a few games of very badly-played pool, then email me please at Astarte76@rocketmail.com or write quoting **Code WA-Y1.** Lesbians (androgynous or femme ones ONLY please.) may respond as well.

IF YOUR AD HAS BEEN MISSED OUT OUR APOLOGIES
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PERTH.

YOUNG BI COUPLE wanting to meet Bi girls and guys or a couple where one or both are Bi. We are looking for a friendship as well as an on-going relationship. **Code WA-Z1.**

OVER SEAS (OS).



EUROPE

BURSA, TURKEY.

TWO GUYS Aged 24 & 17, students, like travelling, listening to music, drinking, sex, entertainment, dancing, etc. We want to correspond in Turkish or English with 16-35 year old gay or bisexual guys. If you want to correspond, write with photo to this address: Baris - Mustafa, MBE 201, Altiparmak Caddesi, No:17/B BURSA - TURKEY.

MUNICH, GERMANY.

GAY GUY 43y, German-Indian, int'l. bureaucrat living near Munich/Germany, iso of v. discreet, v. strt.-acting, active Professional Australian or NZ-lander (other GWMs welcome too), for friendship and mutual visits. Possibly more if we both want it. No age bar. Can host and expect the same. Have varied interests, am well read and erudite, w. charming smile and nice looks. Write responses w. photo to: Rebonto GUHA, Bahnhofplatz 5/#49, 85737 ISMANING, Germany. Tels.: (++49.89) 96201227, home / 32006-475, office. E-mail: rguha@eso.org

SWINDON, ENGLAND.

ATTRACTIVE BI GUY 32 yo, 6 feet tall with dark hair and living in England, would love to correspond with new Bi friends in Australia. My interests include travel (I've experienced of gay scene in Brisbane), Aussie soaps, radio and Media Studies, the Arts & Aussie beach & sports clothes. Please write soon and I will answer all letters received, to: Mr. Julian Watson, 62 Betjeman Avenue, Wootton Bassett, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN4 8JY, ENGLAND.

COPENHAGEN, DENMARK & LONDON, ENGLAND

STRAIGHT ACTING GAY BIKER with closeted bisexual leanings looking for another guy with a sense of commitment. I'm 39, 6', with a beefy build, discreet tattoos, blue eyes, moderately hairy and quite muscular (nice legs). My hair is always no. 2 or 3 crop, but I really turn onto blokes with long hair (as well as buzztops, skins and ordinaries). Biking is my passion, my life. I bike to work, bike on holiday, bike to go out, bike for fun. Leather is not so much a fetish as a lifestyle for me, but yes - I do wear it in bed sometimes too. Sexually, I like to dominate, but also to switch roles. To turn me on, a guy has to be masculine, straight-acting and affectionate. I like to drink, (rarely) smoke, do the odd joint and generally mellow out with a guy in front of a good film, some spacey music or even a hot video. Like longish, varied sessions in bed followed by warm body contact and a naked sleeping man besides me at night. I'm a top graduate, arty, creative, self-employed, financially independent and love reading, creative writing, travelling, computers, films, classical through to heavy metal and soul, as well as good food and drink, but also the outdoor life, walking and camping. I consider myself to be spiritual (what Scorpio doesn't!) and a one-off. Ideally, I'd like to meet a together guy somewhere between 25-40, not shorter than 5'10", beefy/athletic/muscular build, good looking and into light kink (uniforms, leather etc.) who has his act together but needs to find the final piece of the jigsaw. And you know what they say about the last piece - it never quite comes in the shape you're expecting. E-mail to Chris at: leatherbiker@writeme.com

AMERICAS.

CHICAGO, USA.

Hello Sydney, I am from Chicago, Illinois, USA. I would like to talk to Bi people like myself in Australia. My address just in case you would like to correspond is zpete@tellabs.com.

CIENFUEGOS, CUBA

YOUNG GUY Cuban citizen, 20 years old wishes to have a friend no age limits. I'm 1.78 meters, dark brown eyes & brown skin. I like the beach, Nature, to read books & practice sports. I would like it if you had similar likes. Write to: Ismael Yanier Diaz Cabrera, Edif 43A, apart 2, Pueblo Griffi, Cienfuegos 5, cp 55500 CUBA.

HOLGUIN, CUBA.

BISEXUAL GUY Cuban, black, 34 years, 1.70 cm, 60 kg, university student, love music, sports, movies, languages. Looking for friends (bisexual) to start a friendship and Pedro Julio Ochoa Gonzalez, Calle 6 N - 92 entre 21y23, La Quinta, Holguin, cp 80900 CUBA.

We have more personal ads from Cuban men and women in our section on Penpals and Supporting an Overseas Person. See our last issue of Biways or write for a list.

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, USA.

Straight Southern California (San Diego) MALE 35, very attractive, intelligent, athletic, professional (writer), always a gentleman. Seeking beautiful, intelligent, confident, bi or bi-curious Australian woman (about 25-35) for committed, lifelong relationship here in America. Would you like to meet a loving, attentive, affectionate American man who will allow you to explore and satisfy your bisexual desires? Please e-mail me at pwillems@qualcomm.com

ORLANDO, FLORIDA, USA.

BI CURIOUS GUY Hello: I'm a single male that lives in Orlando Florida. I'm 43 years old. I'm seeking bi-women for a long term relationship. I'm bi-curious, and very open-minded. And so I'm also seeking couples that may be visiting the Central Florida area for safe encounters. Please contact me at: marcos1@webtv.net

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ASIA.

HONG KONG.

BI MALE tall dark bi male would like to meet women, transsexuals or couples for mutual sensual pleasures the oriental way that brings one to estasy. Please write in first instance, thanks. **Code OS-K1.**

SHANGHAI, CHINA.

STRAIGHT GUY seeking correspondence & friendship with Bisexual woman. Please e-mail Cen at: garden@public.sta.net.cn

AFRICA.



SUNYANI, GHANA..

PARTNER WANTED - CUTE GHANAIAN LAD, boyish looks, really nice guy, 21 years, attractive with a solid, smooth chocolate body coming soon, wishes to meet university lecturer or partner for platonic relationship. Genuine relationship, no time wasters. Prince Antwi, PO Box 596, Sunyani - B/A, GHANA - WEST AFRICA.

SUNYANI, GHANA.

YOUNG LOOKING GHANAIAN GUY, who wishes to have an honest friend for ever lasting one, if yes, write to me. Let's give love a chance. It has been my wish for a long time to have contact with Australians. Frank Barnie, PO Box 337, Sunyani - B/A, GHANA - W/A.

GHANA, WEST AFRICA.

GAY/BI PALS / FRIENDSHIP WANTED Cute really nice good looking black handsome single professional, passionate and just out on the Scene and keep saying to myself, I will prefer total honesty and absolute emotional genuiness in all my relationships. I like true and stable one to one. Seeking ideal companion men, if ladies, they should be single. Interested should contact: Henry A. Kissi, Box ST 427, Accra STC, GHANA.

PENPALS - we have more men and women looking for Aussie friends, and penfriends worldwide. Also visit our Bi Personals on the Internet. Just go to our Home Page and click on the link to our Personals Pages. If you need details for any overseas people so you can write or would like to be an overseas supporter by sending them a copy of National Biways please telephone or write to ABN for details.

SUNYANI, GHANA..

GAY PALS WANTED good looking Ghanaian black guy, 22years old, fit, slim, with wicked body seeks that special man for true and stable relationship. Why don't we meet in '97, this year. All letters answered. Emmanuel K. Annor, PO Box 250, Sunyani - B/A, GHANA - W/A.

GHANA, WEST AFRICA.

LOOKING FOR BI PALS two good looking young Ghanaian black guys, seeks Australian pals with view to exchange visits, friendships and more. All letters answered. Tony / Agyei, PO Box 1862, Sunyani - B/A, High Street, Downtown, GHANA.

NEW ZEALAND

Bi Male Very Hot an Submisive Bi Guy living on the Beach in New Zealand would like to meet people who can turn me on. I am 6 ft, 85 kg, good looking, Sexy. I can accommodate if you are visting NZ. I have hot photos. Email me (John) for more at augaman@clear.net.nz

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Joke:

Q. Who was the most popular male at the (sex) party?
A. The one who carried a cup of coffee in each hand and ten doughnuts.
Q. Who was the most popular woman at the (sex) party?
A. The lady who ate the last doughnut.

Sent to us by Wolf from Melbourne

Tidbits

Pasadena: Far too often, I hear bifolk complaining about how some gay and lesbian organizations almost completely ignore bisexuals. A lot of so-called bi-inclusive organizations don't really make an effort to reach out and embrace bisexuals as partners or equals. I often wonder if I'm listening to someone who's been active in encouraging organizations to be more bi-inclusive, or more importantly, working with them on issues of common-ground and understanding them on their turf. In concrete terms, what's in it for them to be bi-inclusive? My sense is not that most gay-and-lesbian organizations aren't opposed to bis, or even opposed to bi-inclusion.

In Queerdom, there are simply more goals to be met than there are people to handle them: AIDS awareness and prevention, fighting homophobia and discrimination, creating community, etc. Eventually, if enough bifolk are there getting things done, the point is reached where the word 'bisexual' is not merely an afterthought, but an integral part of the organization. It's simply not enough for bisexuals to demand inclusion. It's got to be earned. You can stand outside the gates and squawk on a bullhorn, or you can send polite notes and flowers, but there won't be a place for bis at every queer table until bifolk help with the cooking, the place settings and with doing the dishes.

The lack of a bisexual awareness is glaring. As many of said, no one is engaging, exploring the obvious bisexual angle here, that those folks who "may" be "successfully" "changed" "back" to straight (I call it scared straight!) are most likely those who are more in the bisexual part of the Kinsey spectrum and thus can be attracted to the other sex, while suppressing their same-sex feelings for awhile. I'm furious! Bill Irion (fwi@cco.caltech.edu) coeditor of BiAngles.

BI CELEBS . . .

STEVIE NICKS' stalker is Ronald Anacleto, just came out as Bi, saying that he can cure his homosexual tendencies, and she can cure him because she's a witch. He is stalking her too because he is attracted to her. Not the kind of role models we need, of course.

PAUL RUDD may have accidentally seemed to be coming out as Bi. He's appearing in Twelfth Night with Helen Hunt in the Big Apple and New York Magazine talks about how strange it is to be a gay icon because he's attracted to women, which is a surprise to all the men who thought he was gay.

JEAN-CLAUDE VAN DAMME according to ex-wife Darcy, in the Globe tabloid, engaged in sex with his best friend and joined them in "kinky" foursomes with transvestites. She says he's HIV positive. He retorts, "It's a pack of lies" and she's trying to ruin his reputation.

ANDY DICK. "I'm not gay, I'm more wiggly."

Source: BiNet USA webpage <http://www.BiNetUSA.org>



Steel yourself... it's the pierce de resistance

By SHANE MALONEY

Went to a piercing party the other night. Nipple rings, tongue studs, eyebrow grommets, nostril things, upper and lower labrets. You name it, it was pierced. This was in St Kilda, naturally. A few glasses of convivial, Neil Young on the stereo ('I've seen the needle and the damage done/ A little part of it in everyone') and a slide show of photographs of assorted piercings and their various perforations.

Like Mark, for example. "I wanted to be a bit madder than the next person," he explained. With 19 holes in the head, and others elsewhere, he is definitely nearing his goal. Our host, by comparison, was a paragon of moderation. Steven has only two holes in his head, apertures in his earlobes wide enough to stick a finger through, big enough to hold plugs the size of tap washers. "We'd like to put piercing in the public eye," he said. "It is getting to be very popular." Evidently. According to the results of a survey published last week, 8 per cent of Australians aged seven to 18 cited body piercing as their latest interest. While teenagers in Japan, China and South Korea expressed a commitment to hard work, clean living and obedience to their elders, our lot said they would rather have stainless steel skewers inserted into their fleshy extremities.

According to Modern Primitives, the bible of self-mutilation, was invented by Victorian-era tailors to protect the line in their fashionable crotch-hugging trousers. According to Frankie, who operates the Lord of the Rings piercing studio in Brunswick Street, demand has never been higher. He has installed at least 80 of them himself and estimates that more than 1000 Melbourne men are walking about with their tackle pinned to their underpants. Most contemporary devotees are less concerned with the drape of their daks than the additional stimulation they claim that genital piercing provides in the dirty deed department. In this respect, it is not just gay men who are having their goolies gimleted. Women, too, are lining up to have their whatnots fitted with assorted ironmongery.

Should you feel the desire, you can have it done for as little as A\$150. For some couples, it must feel like they're having it off in the cutlery drawer. As for me, I am a recovered piercee. All I've got is this tiny little hole in my left earlobe. It's nearly healed over now, not surprising since I took the sleeper out in 1979. Strangely enough, back then, it never occurred to me to have a hole drilled through my tongue. Perhaps I should give it some thought. On the other hand, perhaps not.

SOURCE: The Age newspaper. Melbourne, Australia. Sunday 9 August 1998

Mark Proffit mailto:mark@qrd.org.nz or mailto:proffitt@nz.com Akiko International - New Zealand on the Web - <http://nz.com/>

QRA - Online guide for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender communities in New Zealand at <http://nz.com/glb/>

Time Out

Dubious

Some men like Jack and some like Jill;
 I'm glad I like them both;
 but still I wonder if this freewheeling
 really is an enlightened thing,
 or is its greater scope a sign
 of deviance from some party line?
 In the strict ranks of Gay and Straight
 what is my status? Stray? or Great?

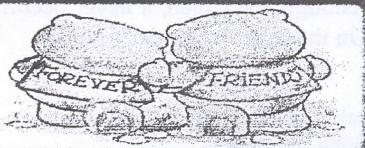
by Vikram Seth



A Friend.....

Accepts you as you are~
 Believes in you always~
 Calls you just to say "hello"~
 Doesn't give up on you ever~
 Envisions the whole of you~
 Forgives your mistakes~
 Gives unconditionally~
 Helps you when you need it~
 Is always there for you~
 Just likes being with you~
 Keeps you close at heart~
 Loves you for who you are~
 Makes a difference in your heart~
 Never judges you~
 Offers support~
 Picks you up when you are down~
 Quiets your fears~
 Says nice things about you~
 Tells you what you need to hear~
 Understands you~
 Values you~
 Walks beside you~
 X-plains things you don't understand~
 Yells when you won't listen~
 Zaps you back to reality~

Anon



Spring Fever

*In seasons Spring's the best of all
 It's wonder seems to shout,
 For now's the time all life begins
 the greens of earth now sprout.
 We feel the wonder all around
 All things begin to grow,
 The still of winter's all but gone
 Warm breezes start to blow.
 The rains begin to nourish
 All buds begin to swell,
 The trees now start to flourish
 The flowers cast their smell.
 Anticipation starts to mount
 We long to feel the heat,
 To shed the boots, and bare our toes
 Feel sand beneath our feet.
 It's worth it all, the wait I mean
 We know there is a reason,
 For waiting just around the bend
 Is Spring, my favorite season....*

Brenda Ehmka

Live Wire

These three guys go down to some Latin American country one night and get drunk and wake up in jail. They found out that they are to be executed for their crimes but none of them can remember what they've done.

The first one is strapped in the electric chair and is asked if he has any last words. He says, "I am from the Baylor school of divinity and I believe in the almighty power of God to intervene on behalf of the innocent." They throw the switch and nothing happens, so they figure God must not want this guy to die, so we better let him go.

The second one is strapped in and gives his last words. "I am from the University of Texas School of Law and I believe in the eternal power of Justice to intervene on the part of the innocent." They throw the switch and again nothing happens. They figure that the law is on this guy's side, so they better let him go too.

The last one is strapped in and says, "Well, I'm a fightin' Texas Aggie Electrical Engineer, and I'll tell you right now you'll never electrocute anybody if you don't connect those two wires."



6th International Bisexual Conference (IBC6)

"Same Preference, Different Lifestyles"

Call for Presentations The sixth International Bisexual Conference (IBC6) will be held in Rotterdam, the Netherlands in the summer of 2000. The conference theme is "Same Preference, Different Lifestyles." The conference is organized by an independent organizing committee in co-operation with the Dutch Bi Network. We are currently seeking proposals for workshops, presentations, papers, panel discussions, and performances in the following subject tracks:

- * Activism
- * Youth/Student
- * Media/Culture
- * Gender
- * Bisexual History
- * Safer Sex/HIV
- * Sexuality
- * Non-Bi Partners/Families
- * Film and Video
- * Organizing
- * Writers/Literature
- * Relationships
- * Research/Theory
- * Spirituality
- * Personal Growth
- * Computer/Internet
- * Performance
- * Track X (other sessions)
- * Our Bodies: Differing Ability, Health, Image
- * Global/Regional/Racial/Cultural/Class Differences

The official language of the conference will be English; however, sessions in other languages will be considered. If you would like to present your session in a language other than English, please include that information in your proposal. Please follow the format of the proposal submission form below. Regardless of the language to be used during the session, please complete the form in English. The deadline for proposals is February 1, 2000. Send completed forms to: *IBC6 Call for Papers, P.O. Box 75087, 1070AB Amsterdam, The Netherlands*. Alternatively, you may submit proposal forms electronically by sending them to <presentations@lnbi.demon.nl>. This address can also be used to contact the program coordinator. Further information about the conference can be found on the worldwide web at: <http://www.lnbi.demon.nl/ibc6/>

Now that Rotterdam has set their Theme Title for the 6th IBC - "Same Preference, Different Lifestyles" - it would be good for our planning and seeking sponsors if we could decide on a theme title for the 7th IBC to be held in Sydney in September or October 2002. ABN is therefore seeking suggestions for the Theme Title for the Sydney 2002 7th International Bisexual Conference. Please e-mail or post your suggestions to ABN. If your theme suggestion is selected, ABN will award you with \$50 and honorary membership of ABN up to and including the 2002/2003 financial year. So all you innovative bisexuals out there, lets get thinking and send in your suggestions.

Hugs Wayne Roberts

P.S. Abn has a copy of the 6th International Bisexual Conference **Session Proposal Form**, if you require a copy please call Brenda.



The Rainbow Project

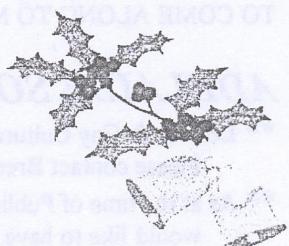
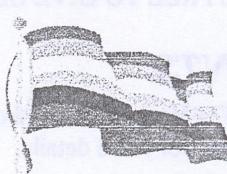
Let me start by introducing The Rainbow Project. We are a bunch of LGBT people in Namibia, Africa, affiliated to the National Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality in South Africa. Our aim is to attain full and equal rights for gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders within our country. To achieve this we do a number of things like lobbying, encouraging and promoting civil social and economic activities, advocating, networking, counselling, etc. etc. So far there are two young people involved in the project, another guy and I. Maybe I should introduce myself. My name is Riccardo and I am 20 years old. For this year I am a full time volunteer for TRP doing a variety of things.

The reason for posting this is that we are trying to attract more young people and thought that the best way of doing it is to start a LGBT youth group, where young people can come together and talk about all sorts of things, like how to deal with one's parents and the society we are living in, safer sex education, getting to know what our rights are and enforcing them and also simple but important things, hanging out, going camping so that LGBT youth in Namibia can feel good about themselves.

I believe that by doing so a lot of hard ache will be spared, leading to lesser suicides, fewer depressions, more people accepting themselves, to name but a few. If there is any such organisation out there please let us here from you. We need help in setting this up. What do you do, How does one reach out to LGBT young people in such a conservative setting. Anything or just comments, upcoming events in your part of the world, or just sharing news, we would like to hear from you.

Yours
Riccardo

TRP, NAMIBIA. The Rainbow Project
P. O. Box 26122, Windhoek, NAMIBIA
e-mail: trp@iafrica.com.na



Joke:

Q. What did the hurricane say to the coconut tree?
A. Hold on to your nuts, this is no ordinary blow job.

IPSWICH & TOOWOOMBA

** INQBLOT Pub Night Fridays from 7pm Federal Hotel, Ipswich. For further details phone Ted on (07) 3281 4125.

SYDNEY SOCIAL EVENTS

SBY

** Monday - Sydney Bi Youth Meet 1st & 3rd Mondays at the PRIDE Centre, 26 Hutchinson Street, Surry Hills. Contact Sam (female contact) on 015-677 016 or Glenn (male contact) on 0414-664 888 or E-mail Glenn at: sby@queer.org.au. Followed by drinks at the Beresford (under 18's venue is held prior to meetings).

SBN

** Monday - SBN has an organised meeting in a space of it's own on the second Monday 8pm of every month. 170 King St, Newtown In the space above MACRO Wholefoods. After the meeting there is generally a small group of people that move on to a cafe for a late supper and more chit chat. For more info call (02) 9565 4281 or e-mail us at: sbn@bi.org.

SBF

** Sunday 1st Nov 2pm Coffee Afternoon at the Comfortably Numb Cafe Neutral Bay Sydney.
** Saturday 14th Nov Girls Night Out. Dinner and Dancing. At a new nightclub called "Thirst", Surrey Hills.
** Friday 20th Nov Video night at Karen's place. Movie yet to be decided, but bring your own nibbles and pillow.
** Friday 27th Nov 10pm Girls Night Out at the Lansdowne Hotel Darlington.

ACLGR

** Nov 19 - 21 Australian Centre for Lesbian and Gay Research (ACLGR) The University of Sydney Dept of Social Work, Social Policy and Sociology. A call for submissions for the 5th annual conference - "From Here To Diversity" - 'lesbians, gay men and education' (to explore the challenges of inclusive education) to be held at Uni of Syd. Contact "David McKelvey" <Dazee@queer.org.au> Some costs involved.

WEST GUYS YOUTH

PARRAMATTA - 2nd & 4th Tuesday's from 7.30pm - 9.30pm With Special nights organised on 5th Tuesday's in THE OLD COUNCIL BUILDING 2 CIVIC PLACE We're in Leisure Room No.3 - down the hall passed the lifts.

** Sun 1st Nov 1.30pm The Power of Love Relationships workshop.
** Saturday 7th Nov 6pm ABC Taping 'Good News Weekend' Chatswood Station.
** Saturday 21st Nov Wonderland, Sydney 9am Strathfield Railway Station (in front of the indicator board).
** Sat 28th Nov 2.30pm Cable Waterskiing Panthers at Penrith. Meet in car park of McDonalds Costs involved.
##Due to lack of space ABN wishes to apologise for not advertising the December events for this group, please contact Micheal on (02) 9832 7717 or Anthony on 0412 414 414 for further details.

MELBOURNE SOCIAL EVENTS



** Melbourne Bi Youth Meets 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month, 4-6pm 1st Floor, Union House, Melbourne Uni Student Union, Melb Uni, Parkville. Call Catherine for details on (03)9344 6973 DATES for these meetings are 14th November 28th November 12th December.
** Our new coffee nights will be held on the first Wednesday of every month from 7pm at Sahara Cafe, next to Revival in Swanston St, city.
** Sunday Nov 8th 1pm Picnic at the Botanical Gardens Call Catherine 9344 6973 for details
** Saturday Dec 12th Drinks at The Lounge, Swanston St, City. From 6pm to celebrate the last Bi Group meeting of the year.

NOTE: CURRENTLY THERE IS NO OPEN AGE BI GROUP, HOWEVER, PEOPLE OVER 27 ARE WELCOME TO COME ALONG TO MBY STUFF. FEEL FREE TO GIVE US A CALL/EMAIL TO CLARIFY.

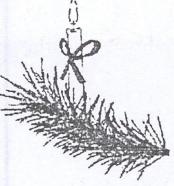


ADELAIDE SOCIAL EVENTS

** Lesbian & Gay Cultural Festival "Feast 98" - Various events from OCT 23 to Nov 15 Please contact Brenda on (07) 3290 4069 for more details.
** As at the time of Publication of the National Biways no other events were available for Adelaide. However if you would like to have an event or request any events please contact Jason Squire, E-mail: merlin@box.net.au or phone (08) 8340 3538. ABN has been assured that Jason is only too happy to oblige where possible.
** Bisexual Men's Social Nights Edinburgh Castle Pub call (08) 8362 7931 Wednesdays & Saturday mornings 10am to 12 noon.

Brisbane Events

November

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2		3 Poetry Reading by popular demand from 7.30pm at Macgregor house call 3420 0931	4	5 Rainbow Centre Coffee & chat 12 - 2 pm 719A Stanley St, Wooloongabba		7 Bi Youth Promenade Cafe Performing Arts Complex, cnr Melbourne & Stanley Sts, Southbank. 2pm contact Shawn on 07-3871 0160
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Brisbane Events

December

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21 	22	23  XMAS Bar Bi 8-12pm Rat & Parrot Hotel cnr Ann & Constance sts, Fortitude Valley enter via side door No Cover Charge	24 Rainbow Centre  CLOSED	25 Christmas Day Merry Christmas from everyone at ABN	26 Boxing Day 	27 
28	29	30 	31 Rainbow Centre  CLOSED			

THAT'S NOT A SCARECROW

TIME MAGAZINE October 1998

Matthew Shepard was not openly gay. He was just himself. If people asked and he felt comfortable in their presence, he'd say "I'm gay." There was no flaunting it. After all, he was a freshman at the University of Wyoming in the Cowboy State, a campus where real men were supposed to love football and all-night parties.

Shepard, barely 5-ft. 2-in. tall and on a good day 105 lbs., preferred political debate and languages (German and Arabic) to the stereotypical masculine pursuits of his father's alma mater. Shepard said his jaw was recently broken by a man in a Cody, Wyo. bar who decked him when he realized he was gay. The closest gay nightclubs to Shepard's college are a 1 1/2 hour drive away and across the Colorado border.

Still, Shepard was comfortable enough to join his school's gay organization, comfortable knowing that some people were aware of his sexual orientation and most suspected it. Perhaps, despite his quiet caution, he was too comfortable.

Last Tuesday night, at the Fireside Lounge, a campus watering hole where he was a favorite regular, Shepard, 21, was enough at ease to strike up a conversation with two tall, muscular men, Russell Henderson, 21, and Aaron McKinney, 22, both high school dropouts. In fact, Shepard was comfortable enough to get into a pickup truck with them about midnight.

According to the police in Laramie, Wyo., the pair had apparently led him to believe that they too were gay. Police say the three were barely a half-mile on Grand Avenue, Laramie's main street, when McKinney abruptly pulled over and, apparently taking turns with Henderson, began pounding Shepard on the head with a .357 magnum revolver. The pair then drove about a mile east of town and, on Snowy Mountain View Road, they dragged Shepard out of the car. "They tied him to a post," says police commander Dave O'Malley, and as he begged for his life, they "beat him and beat him."

Perhaps as an afterthought, they took Shepard's wallet and his shoes. The back of his head bashed to the brain stem, his face cut, his limbs scorched with burn marks, Shepard hung spread-eagled on a rough-hewn deer fence through a night of freezing temperatures, unconscious and losing more and more blood. On the evening of the next day, 18 hours after he was abandoned, two bicyclists saw him. At first, they thought they were looking at a scarecrow. On seeing his nephew's near lifeless body hooked up to a respirator, Robert Eaton told a reporter, "It's like something you might see in a war." The comparison was apt.

The brutal assault came at a time when the U. S. is buzzing with a dissonant debate over sexual orientation. It is a controversy fuelled by reports of increased violence against homosexuals and a new campaign by religious conservatives touting the power of faith to overclaim what they proclaim to be a sinful sensuality. The Wyoming attack came days shy of National Coming Out Day, which was heralded not only by gay organizations but by the Center For Reclaiming America as it launched a new series of TV ads avowing that conversion to Christianity can reverse even the most sordid of homosexual lifestyles. "Just because you love your children, it doesn't mean you approve of everything they do. Sometimes they make bad choices."

After the attack on Shepard, gay activists decried Reclaiming America's campaign as, in the words of Jennifer Einhorn of the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, "a license to hate." They point not only to the proliferation of print ads deplored the gay lifestyle but also to a disturbing rise in bashings in safe havens, in Greenwich Village in New York and Halsted Street in Chicago. The Family Research Council, which partly funds Reclaiming America, condemned the assault but said gay activists were exploiting it to promote their own agenda. It stressed that the ads' message was "not about hate" but "about hope" and that "every crime is a hate crime"....

"He was never imposing," says Shepard's friend Walt Boulden, describing "the most gentle soul I ever met. He would smile at everyone." Boulden adds, "One night stands, that wasn't Matt. Sex wasn't his primary interest." He wanted to find love. But as he lay near death, Matthew Shepard, though no fault of his own, had found martyrdom.

SOURCE: TIME MAGAZINE, October 19, 1998

Send letters to: Letters@time.com

or FAX 212-522-8949

Hate Crimes mailing List

a Lesbian and Gay Anti-Violence Project (AVP) initiative

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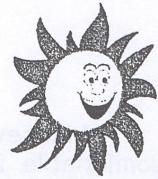
To unsubscribe from this list, mail majordomo@queer.org.au, and in the body of the message, include the words: unsubscribe hate-crimes





BI CAMP 98

COOLUM BEACH, SUNSHINE COAST, QLD. 20-22 NOVEMBER, 1998.



The Australian Bisexual Network wishes to announce Bi Camp 98 to be held from Friday evening 20 November to Sunday 22 November 1998 at Coolum Beach in the heart of Queensland's fabulous Sunshine Coast.



We will be staying at the Maroochy Council Caravan/Camping Park, David Low Way, Coolum Beach which has wheel-chair access to amenities. Cost will vary depending on numbers of people and cars but is around \$13 per day for 2 couples and \$4 a head for members of a group. ABN is not charging for you to attend the Bi Camp and any bisexual and bi-curious people, their partners and families are welcome to attend.



There will be some "round-table" discussions/workshops but plenty of fun with such facilities as pub with bands close by, 10 kilometres of golden sand beaches running north from Coolum, beach and rock fishing, bush walking, mountain and national park hiking, nude swimming/sunbathing, shopping, safe flagged swimming beach, creek swimming, pokies and more. You may even wish to organise a particular activity or workshop during the Bi Camp, it's not hard. If so, do let us know.



Coolum Beach is located just over 1 hour driving time north of Brisbane and about 15 minutes south of Noosa Heads. It is accessible by bus from Brisbane, Nambour and Noosa, by train from Brisbane to Nambour or Yandina, by plane from Melbourne, Sydney and Brisbane to Sunshine Coast Airport just 10 minutes south of Coolum.



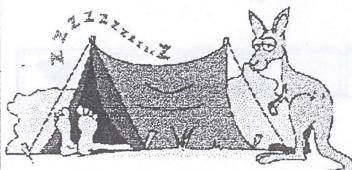
The Bi Camp will be BYO food and drink, camping gear, sleeping bags, etc. though we will have a communal tent for those without one. On-site caravans for those wishing more comfort are not available but are available at the Coolum Gardens Caravan Park across David Low Way from the council park. If you wish a van you must book this yourself by calling the Park on (07) 5446 1474.

If you are planning to attend you must RSVP your attendance and a \$20 deposit must be lodged with ABN which will be refunded when you arrive and register at the Bi Camp.

For more information contact:

Wayne Roberts at ABN on (07) 3857 2500 or mobile 0416-068532
or e-mail to ausbinet@rainbow.net.au
(information will also be on our website)

DEADLINE TO REGISTER 6 NOVEMBER 1998



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